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The issue opens with a monographic section, edited and introduced by **Luisa Corazza**, on the topic “**The economy of territories between demographic trends and cohesion policies: The case of inner areas**”. The essay by **Giuliano Resce** examines the **role of cohesion policies in reducing territorial inequalities** within the EU, with particular focus on Italy's inner areas. **Nicola Caravaggio** and **Antonella Rancan** offer a **reflection on the state of the art of cohesion policies and their effectiveness in revitalising Italy's inner areas**. Next is the contribution by **Emilio Cameli, Carlo Lallo, Cecilia Tomassini, and Giuseppe Di Felice**, which advances an **innovative approach to the analysis of elderly dependency** by increasing the level of granularity at the municipal level and by incorporating economic dimensions into the Elderly Dependency Ratio (EDR). The essay by **Federico Benassi** and **Salvatore Strozza** focuses on a **comparison between inner areas and urban centres in terms of presence of foreigners**, and addresses various aspects of a highly debated topic – the presence of foreigners in “minor” contexts –, which has been little studied in quantitative terms. **Luca Di Salvatore** aims to investigate whether, and how, collaboration among enterprises can affect local labour markets and, in particular, whether the so-called “**network contract**” can represent a **tool capable of regenerating the “territorial capital” of inner areas**, chiefly by increasing employment opportunities. The section concludes with a **review**, by **Luisa Corazza**, of the book “**Lento pede. Vivere nell'Italia estrema. Una ricerca sul campo**” edited by **Domenico Cersosimo** and **Sabina Licursi**.

The subsequent contribution by **Liga Baltiņa, Emily Erickson, and Terence Hogarth** explores the historical context of **EU skills policy**, the evolving nature of **skills shortages**, and the **challenges of ensuring effective skills utilisation**, while also examining the broader implications of demographic shifts and labour market inequalities.

The issue concludes with a contribution by **Lucia Coppola, Isabella Siciliani, and Paola Tanda**, which explores **women's employment and availability of childcare in Italy** by using multi-level logistic regression analysis on combined data from the Labour Force Survey and the Survey on Social Actions and Services of Single and Associated Municipalities.

### **Book Reviews**

**L. Corazza**, *Il lavoro delle donne? Una questione redistributiva* (by Annalisa Rosselli)

**G. Bonifati, C. Guardiano**, *La lingua come sistema e come artefatto. L'emergenza delle relazioni generative nelle attività innovative* (by Federica Rossi)